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Instructional Quality Committee (IQC),
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Subject: Please reject obfuscating & unnecessary change proposed Comment 2723 from your 14th Mar CHSSP Recommendation ("What some scholars have termed as")

Dear Members of IQC,

While pursuing the latest History & Social Sciences Framework draft made available by IQC on 14th Mar, I noticed that several changes have been made to the text which is making it difficult and confusing for the reader to understand what is being said.

For example, on page 264, lines 680-681, earlier text "The Gupta monarchs reunified much of the subcontinent in the third century CE, ushering in the Classical Age of India." was replaced by "The Gupta monarchs reunified much of the subcontinent in the third century CE, ushering in **what some scholars have termed** the Classical Age of India."

Firstly it is a well established fact that Gupta period was indeed the Golden or Classical age of India based on the great progress in the fields of literature, art and science that happened during this period. Each and every historical theory is going to have some detractors. It is the widely accepted view that should get included in the framework. Are you willing to revise the entire framework by adding "exit clause" appendages like this to every other statement? I hope not, and so why do it selectively to statements like above. Also to my knowledge, the people who have proposed this change have not provided any reasons or facts to justify their claim. So to me it appears to be either a frivolous suggestion or smacking of mischief on their part. It will also make it very confusing to the teachers and students to follow such narrative. Are they to believe it was the Classical Age, or not... well possibly it was, but then again, maybe not. Do they have to doubt & dissect everything they learn? Not at the middle school level, please.

I am at a complete loss to understand why the IQC is accepting such edits which serve no purpose. I strongly urge you to be diligent against attempts to misguide the committee and in this specific instance please revert the statement back to its original form i.e. page 264, lines 680-681 to "The Gupta monarchs reunified much of the subcontinent in the third century CE, ushering in the Classical Age of India."

On a broad level, I want to point out, that, submission by South Asian faculty appears to be an act of hate on Hinduism. While everyone has right to hate, I am shocked to learn CHSSP has recommended their suggestions.

Also what happened to the changes suggested by kids, their parents like mine?

Sincerely,

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